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In the Application of:

Bianchi, John R., et al.

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"Assembled Implant"

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of 07/23/04, for which a response was due 10/23/04, now extended one month to 11/23/04, the Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims:

Pages 2-3

Remarks (Including request to remove the

finality of the rejection over new art):

Pages 4-12

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